1   <u>What is claimed is</u>:

2   1.   A method of playing a variation of the card game of

3   baccarat, said method comprising the steps of:

4   a)   designating a participant as a player or a banker;

5   b)   indicating a bonus payout;

6   c)   playing a plurality of conventional baccarat games, each of

7   which comprise dealing a player's hand and a banker's hand,

8   d)   determining if a total number count in each banker's hand

9   of the plurality of conventional baccarat games is greater

10   than a total number count of the corresponding player's

11   hand; and

12   e)   designating payment of at least the bonus payout when the

13   total of the number count of each of at least two

14   consecutive hands of the plurality of baccarat games are

15   nine.

16   2.   A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising

17   increasing the bonus payout each time the number count of

18   more than two consecutive ones of the hands is 9.

19   3.   A method as recited in claim 2 comprising increasing the

20   bonus payout on a random basis.

21   4.   A method as recited in claim 1 comprising requiring the

22   participant to make a bonus wager so as to qualify for the

23   bonus payout.

24   5.   A method as recited in claim 4 further comprising the step

25   of forfeiting the bonus wager if the total of the number

1   count of at least two consecutive participant's hands of

2   the plurality of baccarat games are not greater than the

3   total number counts of an opponent's hands.

4   6.   A method as recited in claim 4 further comprising the

5   participant making a primary wager for each of the

6   conventional baccarat games in which the participant is to

7   participate.

8   7.   A method as recited in claim 6 comprising deducting the

9   bonus wager from the amount of the primary wager.

10   8.   A method as recited in claim 6 comprising making the

11   primary wager in addition to and separate from the bonus

12   wager.

13   9.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonus payout is

14   designated for payment when the total of the number count

15   of each of at least two consecutive ones of the

16   participant's hands of the plurality of baccarat games are

17   nine.

18   10.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the bonus payout is

19   designated for payment when the total of the number count

20   of each of at least two consecutive hands of the plurality

21   of baccarat games are a natural nine.

22   11.   A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the

23   participant making a primary wager for each of the

24   conventional baccarat games in which the participant is to

25   participate.

1   12.   A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising paying

2   the participant a winner payout if the total of the number

3   count of the participant's hand is greater than the total

4   number count of an opponent's hand.

5   13.   A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising paying

6   the participant an increased winner payout if the total of

7   the number count of the participant's hand is nine and is

8   greater than the total number count of an opponent's hand.

9   14.   A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising paying

10   the participant a further increased winner payout if the

11   total of the number count of the participant's hand is a

12   natural nine and is greater than the total number count of

13   an opponent's hand.

14   15.   A method as recited in claim 13 further comprising paying

15   the participant a further increased winner payout if the

16   total of the number count of the participant's hand is a

17   nine with all card of the same suit and is greater than the

18   total number count of an opponent's hand.

19   16.   A baccarat gaming assembly comprising:

20   a)   a computer processor assembly;

21   b)   a display assembly;

22   c)   at least one user actuatable selector assembly;

23   d)   said computer processor assembly structured to

24   generate a player's hand and a banker's hand in

25   accordance with rules of baccarat;

1   e)   said computer processor assembly structured to

2   designate one of said user as a player or a banker in

3   response to a user selection;

4   f)   said computer processor assembly structured to

5   selectively add cards to said player's hand and said

6   banker's hand in accordance with the conventional

7   rules of the card game of baccarat;

8   g)   said computer processor assembly structured to

9   correspondingly designate said player's hand or said

10   banker's hand as a winning hand if a final number

11   total of one of said hands is greater than a final

12   number total of the other of said hands; and

13   h)   said computer processor assembly structured to

14   designate said user as a winner if said user's hand is

15   also said winning hand.

16   17.   A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 16 wherein

17   said computer processor assembly is structured to designate

18   said user as said player or said banker in response to said

19   user selection before generating said player's hand and

20   said user's hand.

21   18.   A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 16 wherein

22   said computer processor assembly is structured to designate

23   said user as said player or said banker after generating

24   said player's hand and said user's hand.

25   19.   A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 18 wherein

1   said computer processor assembly is structured to generate

2   said player's hand and said banker's hand and reveal to the

3   user at least one card from at least one of the hands

4   before designating said user as said player or said banker

5   in response to said user selection.

6   20. 'A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein

7   said user actuatable selector assembly is structured to

8   permit said user to make said user selection after said at

9   least one card from at least one of the hands is revealed.

10   21. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein

11   said computer processor assembly structured to permit a

12   user to selectively discard said revealed card and to issue

13   a new card to complete said hand.

14   22. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein

15   said computer processor assembly structured to permit a

16   user to selectively discard said revealed card and to issue

17   a new card to complete said hand before designating said

18   user as said player or said banker in response to said user

19   selection.

20   23. A baccarat gaming assembly comprising:

21   a)   a computer processor assembly;

22   b)   a display assembly;

23   c)   at least one user actuatable selector assembly;

24   d)   said computer processor assembly structured to

25   generate a player's hand and a banker's hand in

1   accordance with rules of baccarat;

2   e)   said computer processor assembly structured to

3   designate said user as a player or a banker;

4   f)   said computer processor assembly structured to

5   selectively add cards to said player's hand and said

6   banker's hand in accordance with the conventional

7   rules of the card game of baccarat;

8   g)   said computer processor assembly structured to

9   correspondingly designate said player's hand or said

10   banker's hand as a winning hand if a final number

11   total of one of said hands is greater than a final

12   number total of the other of said hands;

13   h)   said computer processor assembly structured to

14   designate said user as a winner if said user's hand is

15   also said winning hand; and

16   i)   said computer processor assembly structured to

17   indicate a bonus payout to be paid to said user in the

18   event that one of said hands totals nine.

19   24. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 23 wherein

20   said computer processor assembly is structured to indicate

21   said bonus payout if said user's hand totals nine.

22   25. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 23 wherein

23   said computer processor assembly is structured to increase

24   said bonus payout if the user's hand totals a natural nine.

25   26. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 23 wherein

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said computer processor assembly is structured to increase

said bonus payout each time one of said hands totals nine

in subsequent consecutive hands.

27. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 23 wherein

said computer processor assembly is structured to increase

said bonus payout each time said user's hands totals nine

in subsequent consecutive hands.

28. A baccarat gaming assembly as recited in claim 23 wherein

said computer processor assembly is structured to increase

said bonus payout if the user's hand totals a natural nine

in subsequent consecutive hands.